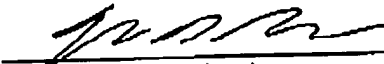


Applicant hereby elects the species of Group I (claims 20-27, 29-40 and 43-46) for further prosecution. Withdrawal of the outstanding restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 and examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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